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SUBJECT: BRAZIL: NON-COMMITAL RESPONSE TO U.S. CANDIDACY AT THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION

REF: A) STATE 98012 B) EMAIL JWHITTLESEY/JLONG 10/01/09

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¶11. (SBU) On September 25 Science Officer delivered the demarche per REFTEL A requesting Brazil's support the U.S. candidacy at the International Maritime Organization (IMO) to Second Secretary Andre Tenorio Mourao of the Division of Oceans, Antarctica, and Outer Space at the Ministry of External Relations. Mourao was pleased to hear of the U.S. candidacy, but would not say whether Brazil would support it.

¶12. (SBU) Mourao also noted Brazil's candidacy for a Category B council seat and asked for the United States' support.

¶13. (SBU) Mourao indicated that the Ministry of External Relations would be interested in an exchange of votes/support, however per REFTEL B Post informed Mourao that the U.S. Delegation does not reveal its votes in advance or after the election.

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